



## Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 22, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### NOTES

**Location:** Colorado Tourism Office, 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver CO 80202, OEDIT's Mountain Conference Room

Conference Call Option (**RSVP required**): 1-877-820-7831 (passcode 321805#)

Bylaws: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/bywayscommission>

### Commission:

Chris Spori, USDA Forest Service (unable to attend)

Margaret Hunt, Colorado Creative Industries (Christy Costello present)

Roger Ben Wilson (Co-Vice Chair), Western Byways (present)

Jack Placchi, BLM Representative (present)

Shannon Gifford, Transportation Commission Dist. #1 (on phone, present)

Charlotte Bumgarner, Eastern Byways (absent)

Amanda Barker, Conservation/Open Space Rep (present)

Robert Mutaw (Co-Vice Chair), History Colorado (unable to attend)

Rep. KC Becker (Chair), State Legislature (unable to attend)

Kelly Barbello, Colorado Tourism Office (present)

Amanda Barker, Conservation/Open Space Rep (present)

Amanda Hill, Member at Large (present)

### EX-OFFICIO Members (designated through Dept. Executive Directors):

\*Debra Perkins-Smith, Dept. of Transportation, Div. of Transportation Development (present)

\*Cynthia Nieb, History Colorado, State Historical Fund (on phone, present)

\*Gary Thorson, Dept. of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (present)

\*Shay Coburn, Dept. of Local Affairs, Colorado Main Street (present)

### Colorado Dept. of Transportation:

Lenore Bates, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program Manager (present)

### Agenda

1. Introductions & Announcements (5 minutes) –
  - a. Roger wanted to discuss the nomination and moratorium (next meeting)
  - b. Guanella Pass Celebration: Friday, June 24, 2016
  - c. Lenore handed out a support letter drafted by Bob Mutaw for a Colorado Preservation Inc. preservation award for the Animas Forks Ghost Town along the Alpine Loop. Roger motioned and Kelly seconded the motion.

Passed. Correct the names for Amanda Barker and Amanda Hill on the letterhead. (ATTACHED)

2. Chair/Vice-Chair (5 minutes)

- a. Commission Quarterly Business – Approve last meetings’ notes
- b. Financials – NSBP Grants (DTD and Regions)
  - i. Lariat Loop/Mammoth Kiosk – Back on schedule
  - ii. Santa Fe Trail/Interpretive Signs – Design phase
  - iii. Santa Fe Trail/Trinidad Welcome Center Renovations – Construction phase
  - iv. Los Caminos Antiguos Portal Entry Project – Design 95%; Construction 65%
  - v. Trail of the Ancients McElmo Flume Overlook – Design 100%; Construction 35% (NOTE: TOTA is wanting talking points to use with City, County, Mesa Verde Country etc. as to what would happen if we were decommissioned and what that means.)
  - vi. Gold Belt Tour Saving Colorado Byways Phase II – on schedule, outreach & conservation easements
  - vii. West Elk Loop (TAP Grant) – Interpretive Overlook Signs
  - viii. South Platte River Trail Trailhead (TAP Grant) – Many partners, Notice to Proceed Jan 2016
  - ix. Unaweep – Hanging Flume Kiosks (TAP \$60-\$70K) – Jack mentioned this project from the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, funding was transferred to the federal agency

3. National Scenic Byway Foundation Update

- a. <http://nsbfoundation.com/>
- b. Byways 101 available link on the website
- c. Also Training at:  
[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic\\_byways/coordinator\\_orientation/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/coordinator_orientation/)

4. New Byway Program Guidance & Update

- a. Letter, guidance summary emailed to byways on March 2016, presenting these at Statewide Meeting on April 28, 2016 (ATTACHED)
- b. Roger: Colorado Byways Program has Moratorium on nominations/extensions (Listed on website)
- c. Discuss De-designations – what would it mean, such as removed from map, remove signs - Lenore will email Gary Jenson to seek out FHWA's National Scenic Byway de-designation guidelines and role if the Colorado Byways Commission moves to remove a National Byway from the state system (such as removal from maps and remove road signage).
- d. Shay redirected the Commission to discuss how the Commission can help Byways achieve these basic requirements. Roger suggested Shay lead a subcommittee for clarification of the program guidance. Cynthia

stated that she has resources for report design and writing. (ATTACHED: Commission Contact List)

5. Welcome from Cathy Ritter, NEW CTO Director
6. Work Program FY16
  - a. CMP Update – Dinosaur Diamond, PO issued
  - b. Grass Roots Training – Grand Mesa, Dinosaur Diamond, Flat Tops Trail
  - c. Historic Roads Training (distributed agenda, will send out presentation)
  - d. Update Publications, including the Rack Card and slim Guide Book (added Tracks Across Borders), Map will be updated with next revision
  - e. Economic Impact Tool Report (DRAFT pdf) (Report Sent with Agenda)
    - i. This report is a recommendation from the Colorado Byways Economic Report October 2013 Available at Resources Link: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/links-resources.html>
    - ii. Review & Comments by end of business on Monday, May 9, 2016
    - iii. Distribution suggestions
  - f. Colorado Byways Strategic Plan Draft
    - i. Still Finalizing
    - ii. NOTE: Committees Table 3 (now Table 2): An item was added to Strategy 1.1.1 to establish nine different Commission subcommittees. A legend at the top denotes what each subcommittee is.
7. Work Program FY17 – Still finalizing based on staff time below.
8. Transitioning CDOT staff time
  - a. Deb stated that most states allocate 0% to 30% to Byway Coordinator staff time (spreadsheet could be developed with state, byway coordinator, %FTE, # national byways, # state byways, # other roads, comment field, road miles, date program established, strategic plan)
  - b. Roger stated that we have the top program and we need to take that into consideration
  - c. Deb mentioned that the Division is getting interns and an intern could assist
9. Next Meeting:
  - a. Commission will take a look at the Strategic Plan and activities/tasks (subcommittees), rolls and responsibilities, point of contact
  - b. Discuss the nomination & moratorium
  - c. FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) projects
  - d. Location Colorado Tourism Office, 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver CO 80202, OEDIT's Mountain Conference Room
  - e. Lunch Options (TBD)

**Program Vision:**

Guiding travelers to experience and be inspired by treasured places that comprise Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways. (Commission Approved 5/14/13)

**Commission Mission:**

The Commission is a partnership to evaluate and designate the state's Scenic and Historic Byways and to develop and recommend funding sources and provide administrative support to sustain the byways for future generations. (Commission Approved 12/7/12)

**Program Definition:**

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program is a statewide partnership intended to provide recreational, educational, and economic benefits to Coloradans and visitors by designating, interpreting, protecting, and promoting a system of outstanding touring routes in Colorado.

**2016 Meetings Dates & Times 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.:**

January 22, 2016 Colorado Parks & Wildlife, 1313 Sherman St, Denver, Columbine Room 6th Fl.

April 22, 2016 Colorado Tourism Office, 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver CO 80202, OEDIT's Mountain Conference Room

July 22, 2016 - TBD

October 28, 2016 - TBD

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